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SUBJECT: 55TH ECOSOC: ITEM 24 - IMPLEMENTATION OF DECLARATION
ON COLONIZATION

REF: A) GENEVA 4054

B) STATE 151740

1. SUMMARY. COORDINATION COMMITTEE AUGUST 2 ADOPTED REVISED DRAFT RESOLUTION ENTITLED "IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES BY THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UN" BY VOTE 36-3 (FRANCE, SPAIN, UK) -8 (US, CANADA, ITALY, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, VENEZUELA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL). US REP (FERGUSON) MADE EXPLANATION OF VOTE PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL B. LIST OF CO-SPONSORS AND COMPLETE REVISED TEXT TRANSMITTED SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.

2. COORDINATION COMMITTEE COMPLETED ACTION ON ITEM DEALING WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES AUGUST 2. KENYAN REP (KITI), SPEAKING FOR CO-SPONSORS, EXPRESSED HOPE FOR CONSENSUS ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION. THIS WAS PATENTLY UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPOSSIBLE GIVEN VARIOUS GOVTS RESERVATIONS ON SUBSTANTIAL

SECTIONS OF THE DRAFT RES AND THEIR PREVIOUS VOTING RECORD
ON GA RES 1514 (XV) AND GA RES 2980 (XXVII).

3. NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR FACK, WHILE NOTING THAT MOST OF
TEXT OF DRAFT WAS ACCEPTABLE, FELT LANGUAGE WAS UNNECESSARILY
STRONG. HE PARTICULARLY OBJECTED TO LUMPING TOGETHER
ILLEGAL REGIME OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA WITH UN MEMBER STATES,
SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL, AS WELL AS IMPLICATION THAT A
SPECIALIZED AGENCY HAS RIGHT TO DETERMINE LEGITIMACY OF ONE
"SO-CALLED" LIBERATION GROUP OVER ANOTHER.

4. US AMBASSADOR FERGUSON INTERVENTION REPORTED GENEVA 4068.
BRITISH AND FRENCH DELS ANNOUNCED THEIR OPPOSITION TO
DRAFT RES PRIOR TO VOTE NOTING THAT THEY COULD NOT SUGGEST
ANY AMENDMENTS WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO SPONSORS.

5. KENYAN REP TOOK FLOOR JUST PRIOR TO VOTE TO MAKE INDIVIDUAL
REFERENCES TO US, UK AND FRANCE INTERVENTIONS, RECALLING
FOR OUR BENEFIT GEORGE III AND OUR "SIMILAR SITUATION" IN
FIGHTING FOR INDEPENDENCE OF OUR COUNTRY. AS FOR LEGALISTIC
ARGUMENTS HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THAT THE UN CHARTER COULD BE
USED TO DENY LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF FREEDOM TO PEOPLES.

6. AMB. FERGUSON IN REPLY TO KENYAN REP INDICATED AGREE-
MENT WITH ULTIMATE AIM - SELF DETERMINATION, BUT PROFOUND
DISAGREEMENT WITH METHODS OF VIOLENCE AND REQUIRING UN TO
SUPPORT POLITICAL MOVEMENTS. USG SUPPORTED PRINCIPLE THAT
ALL MEANS FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION - INCLUDING TALKS - SHOULD
BE EXHAUSTED. STATED THAT HISTORICAL EVENTS MORE IN POINT
THAN AMERICAN REVOLUTION WAS THE COMING TO INDEPENDENCE OF
AFRICAN COUNTRIES AFTER WORLD WAR II WHERE ONLY TWO COUNTRIES
- KENYA AND ALGERIA - FOUND IT NECESSARY TO RESORT TO ARMS.

7. VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS ON PARTICULAR PARAS:

A. US AMENDMENT TO PARA 4 (H): 10(US)-30-5(JAPAN,
INDONESIA, NETHERLANDS, UK, VENEZUELA).

B. CANADIAN AMENDMENT PREAMBULAR PARA 2: 31-0-15
(WEOS US, PERU, VENEZUELA).
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C. OP. PARA 1: 33-4(US, SPAIN, UK, BRAZIL)-9(SWEDEN,
ITELY, VENEZUELA, JAPAN, BELGIUM, FRANCE, OTHERS).

D. OP. PARA 2: 37-5(US, SPAIN, UK, BRAZIL, FRANCE)-4
(VENEZUELA, JAPAN, BELGIUM, ITALY).

E. OP. PARA 3: 32-1(UK)-13(US).

F. OP. PARA 4 (G): 34-5(BRAZIL, US, UK, SPAIN, FRANCE)-7(JAPAN, VENEZUELA, BELGIUM, ITALY, CANADA, NEW ZEALAND, TURKEY).

G. OP. PARA 4 (H): 33-6(US, UK, BRAZIL, FRANCE, CANADA, SPAIN)-7(DENMARK, ITALY, NEW ZEALAND, JAPAN, FINLAND, VENEZUELA, BELGIUM).

8. VOTE ON RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE: 36-3(FRANCE, SPAIN, UK)-8 (US, CANADA, ITALY, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, VENEZUELA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL).

9. AMB. FERGUSON IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE REGRETTED INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR STUDY, STATED THAT OUR VIEWS AND POSITION ON GA RES. 2980 REMAINED THE SAME, REPEATED THAT USG BELIEVED COURSE OF ACTION CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION A MISTAKE. FOR ALL OF THESE REASONS, HE CONCLUDED, U.S. ABSTENTION IS NOT A PRECEDENT AS REGARDS OUR GOVERNMENT'S POSITION.

10. FULL TEXT REVISED DRAFT CO-SPONSORED BY ALGERIA, BARBADOS, EGYPT, GHANA, INDIA, INDONESIA, KENYA, LEBANON, MADAGASCAR, MALI, NIGER, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, ROMANIA, T&T, SUDAN, TUNISIA, UGANDA, YEMEN, YUGOSLAVIA AND ZAIRE QUOTED SEPTEL. BASSIN

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